

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing of content data to a client, ~~the method comprising the steps of:~~
receiving of a selection of content data from the client[[,]];
generating ~~of an XML file having a defined DTD format, the XML a~~ file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data;
sending of the ~~XML~~ file to the client[[,]]; and
synchronizing [[of]] with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status updated according to client usage of the content data back to the server.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server[[,]];
sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client[[,]]; and
receiving an acceptance from the client.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[1 or 2]] 5, further comprising using a common license client on the client ~~device~~ for handling of license status requests from different rendering applications.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) A method for providing of content data to a client, ~~the method comprising the steps of:~~
~~selection of~~ selecting content data on a web-portal[[,]];

receiving of an ~~XML~~ a file having a ~~defined DTD format~~, the ~~XML file comprising~~
license information and a locator for the content data in response to the selection:[(,)]
~~parsing of the XML the~~ file to extract the license information[(,)];
storing of the license information in a local license database[(,)]; and
downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, wherein selecting the content data
further comprises comprising the steps of:

receiving of information indicative of one or more license offers[(,)]; and
inputting an acceptance of one or more of the license offers.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5 [(or 6)], further comprising ~~the steps~~
~~of:~~

~~selection of~~ selecting content data from a local content database in which downloaded
content data is stored for rendering[(,)];

~~checking of~~ determining a license status of the selected content data in the local license
database[(,)]; and

reading of the content data from the local content database for rendering of the content
data in response to the determined license status indicating that access to the content data is
permitted

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, ~~claims 5, 6 or 7~~, further comprising
updating of the license information in the local license database when the content data is selected
for rendering.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 ~~claims 7 or 8~~, further comprising ~~the~~
~~steps of:~~

~~in case that the license for rendering of the content data is exhausted~~, enabling of the
rendering of the content and storage of an amount of usage of the content data in response to
determining that the license status indicates that the license for the content data is exhausted:[(,)]

re-connecting of the client to a ~~[[network]]~~ the server after enabling the rendering;
and[[,]]

requesting a retroactive renewal of the license for rendering of the content data covering
the stored amount of past usage while the license was exhausted.

10. A computer program ~~product~~ executed by a server system to provide, in particular
~~digital storage medium, comprising computer program means for providing of content data to a~~
~~client, wherein the computer program is capable of causing the server to perform operations~~
comprising by the steps of:

receiving of a selection of content data from the client,
generating of ~~an XML~~ a file having a defined DTD format, the XML file comprising
license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a
license status enabling the client to access the content data;
sending of ~~the XML~~ the file to the client; and
synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license
status updated according to client usage of the content data.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer program executed by a client computer in
communication with a server and a local license database to access content data, product, in
~~particular digital storage medium, comprising computer program means for providing of content~~
~~data to a client by the steps of wherein the computer program causes the client computer to~~
perform operations comprising:

selection of selecting content data ~~on a web portal;~~
receiving of ~~an XML~~ a file from the server having a defined DTD format, the XML file
comprising license information and a locator for the content data[[,]];
parsing of ~~the XML~~ the file to extract the license information[[,]];
storing of the license information in ~~[[a]]~~ the local license database[[,]]; and
downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.

12-15. (Canceled)

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

17. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein synchronizing of local license related data on the client further comprises:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

18. (New) The method of claim 5, wherein the received file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

19. (New) The computer program of claim 10 in communication with a license server, wherein the operations further comprise:

in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from the license server;

sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and

receiving an acceptance from the client.

20. (New) The computer program of claim 10, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

21. (New) The computer program of claim 10, wherein synchronizing of local license related data with the client further comprises:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

22. (New) The computer program of claim 11, wherein the received file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

23. (New) The computer program of claim 11, further comprising:
a common license client for handling of license status requests from different rendering applications.

24. (New) The computer program of claim 11, wherein selecting the content data further comprises:

receiving of information indicative of one or more license offers; and
inputting an acceptance of one or more of the license offers.

25. (New) The computer program of claim 11, wherein the operations further comprise:

selecting content data from a local content database in which downloaded content data is stored for rendering;

determining a license status of the selected content data in the local license database; and
reading of the content data from the local content database for rendering of the content data in response to the determined license status indicating that access to the content data is permitted.

26. (New) The computer program of claim 25, wherein the operations further comprise:

updating of the license information in the local license database when the content data is selected for rendering.

27. (New) The computer program of claim 25, wherein the operations further comprise:

enabling of the rendering of the content and storage of an amount of usage of the content data in response to determining that the license status indicates that the license for the content data is exhausted;

re-connecting of the client to the server after enabling the rendering; and
requesting a retroactive renewal of the license for rendering of the content data covering the stored amount of past usage while the license was exhausted.

28. (New) A server system in communication with a client to provide the client content data, wherein the server system is programmed to perform operations, the operations comprising:

- receiving of a selection of content data from the client;
- generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data;
- sending of the file to the client; and
- synchronizing of local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status updated according to client usage of the content data back to the server.

29. (New) The server system of claim 28, further in communication with a license server, wherein the operations further comprise:

- in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from the license server;
- sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and
- receiving an acceptance from the client.

30. (New) The server system of claim 28, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

31. (New) The server system of claim 28, wherein synchronizing of local license related data on the client further comprises:

- receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

32. (New) A client in communication with a server to access content data, comprising:

- a local license database;
- code executed by the client to perform operations, the operations comprising:

- selecting content data;
- receiving from the server a file having license information and a locator for the content data in response to the selection;
- parsing the file to extract the license information;
- storing of the license information in the local license database; and
- downloading of the content data from a location indicated by the locator.

33. (New) The client of claim 32, further comprising:
a common license client on the client device for handling of license status requests from different rendering applications.

34. (New) The client of claim 32, wherein selecting the content data further comprises:
receiving of information indicative of one or more license offers; and
inputting an acceptance of one or more of the license offers.

35. (New) The client of claim 32, further comprising:
a local content database in which downloaded content data is stored for rendering;
wherein the operations further comprise:
selecting content data from the local content database;
determining a license status of the selected content data in the local license database; and
reading of the content data from the local content database for rendering of the content data in response to the determined license status indicating that access to the content data is permitted.

36. (New) The client of claim 35, wherein the operations further comprise:
updating of the license information in the local license database when the content data is selected for rendering.

37. (New) The client of claim 35, wherein the operations further comprise:
enabling of the rendering of the content and storage of an amount of usage of the content data in response to determining that the license status indicates that the license for the content data is exhausted;
re-connecting of the client to the server after enabling the rendering; and
requesting a retroactive renewal of the license for rendering of the content data covering the stored amount of past usage while the license was exhausted.

38. (New) The client of claim 32, wherein the received file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.